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Testimony *in Support* of Raised HB 6682 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SENTENCE FOR MURDER COMMITTED IN THE COURSE OF COMMISSION OF A FAMILY VIOLENCE CRIME.

Dear Chairs Winfield and Stafstrom, Ranking Members Kissel and Fishbein, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

I appreciate having the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Raised HB 6682 on your public hearing agenda today. I submitted a similar proposal in HB 5056 this session. Domestic violence is a true scourge in our society. One in four women and one in seven men will be victims during the course of their lives. When he or she is killed by the abuser, the victim has often suffered years of suffering and pain. The proposed bill would recognize the truly heinous nature of this crime and provide the possibility for a sentence of life without parole by treating this as a special circumstance crime. Surely, for the sake of the victims and their families, we should afford the same recognition of the nature of the crime and the commensurate suffering caused as we accord to those families who were harmed by crimes covered by the existing statute.

I respectfully urge you to support Raised HB 6682. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Holly Cheeseman".

Holly Cheeseman
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East Lyme, Montville, Salem